

Dear Roger (and Dave),

2/25/89

As I may not have told you, I'm still an early riser. Despite my lack of mobility and energy. I surprised the crew from Osmoor Productions (BBC) with whom Lil and I dined and worked until about 10:30 Wednesday night by getting up at 5, which is a little late, reading the papers, getting a blood test and being at the mall where I walk before 8. They were still sleepy-eyed when they got there at 8:30, when we breakfasted together and worked until about 10. I was up 3:40 this morning and wrote without thinking of getting your 2/20 and rereading it. I've just done that. (The BBC interest is in a King assassination special, I think not yet really formed.)

I'll be putting your letter and the enclosed memo in a properly-marked envelope to avoid its use.

It is not necessary for Dave to use the memo because I've told him more than is in it, except for Richter's personal evaluation of Lifton. In the year after Lifton first poured that crap out on me he moderated it some. Dave may already have that in his draft. I've forgotten.

But I wonder if Richter had a memo on me? At about the time he spoke to Lifton he came up to Hyattstown and spoke to me. My recollection is that he said he was looking for help on a special and among the things I suggested to him was that he get Lovelady to wear the shirt his wife said he'd worn and to photograph him in it. Richter did and he sent me a slide. His back is to the camera! do not remember having had any kind of argument or disagreement with Richter so I wonder why he was so pointed in telling Lesar that he would not talk to me in preparing his Nova copout.

(If I never told you, a CBS producer I think named Palmer went big for Whitewash and then told me that Midgeley killed it. In 1966, maybe 1965.)

I remember driving Richter and a Times reporter from the Archives to their offices on that one visit only.

I think that Lifton probably switched to additions to trees from his complete papier mache trees after I ridiculed that.

I note that after two decades Lifton still lacks the proof he promised "of the involvement of people 'very high up' in the federal government."

Best,

